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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1421

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 5, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Government Efficiency Study Commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Turner

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill reestablishes the Government Efficiency Study Commission (which expired January 1, 2005). It authorizes the Commission to review all state funded agencies, departments, and programs, and to make recommendations to improve efficiency and reduce waste or other unnecessary costs. It requires the Commission to make its final recommendations before December 31, 2006.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Government Efficiency Study Commission:* The Government Efficiency Study Commission (GEC) was enacted during the 2003 legislative session to review all state-funded agencies, departments, and programs and to make recommendations to improve efficiency and reduce waste or other unnecessary costs. The Commission consisted of 22 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate President Pro Tempore. There were four subcommittees established in law. The staff advisors to the GEC were the State Budget Director, the Commissioner of the Commission for Higher Education, the Indiana State Board of Education Administrator, and the Executive Director of the Legislative Services Agency. Administrative support was incorporated in the workload of the staff of the Legislative Services Agency and other state agencies. The GEC was required to and has submitted its report before December 31, 2004.

The Commission members were not entitled to salary per diem, but did receive travel reimbursement. Between October 2003 and July 2004, the GEC travel reimbursement totaled \$3,837. Legislative Council contingency funds paid \$3,400 for a contract to complete the report of the Medicaid and Human Services Subcommittee. Private donations to the GEC included reports surveying the state Medicaid Program and the Department of

Education.

Reestablishment: Under the bill, the GEC would be reestablished with three changes:

- (1) The subcommittees would be established by the co-chairpersons, rather than by statute.
- (2) The new report deadline would be December 31, 2006.
- (3) The co-chairpersons may appoint an advisory member who is not entitled to salary per diem, but may receive travel and other expense reimbursement.

It is expected that these changes would not affect the costs for the reestablishment of the GEC. Expenses will be paid from General Fund appropriations to the Legislative Council.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Legislative Council; Legislative Services Agency; Commission for Higher Education; State Board of Education; State Budget Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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